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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Security Branch, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT : Guard Force []

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1. In preparing the Fiscal Year 1962 Budget Estimates, I have come across a small item in the Lockheed projection for Contract SC-61 which sets aside the sum of [] as Agency purchase price for the services of eleven Guards and two Guard Captains (night and day) []. The average sales price to us is approximately [] per man.

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2. To be assured that this is in the interest of the Agency, I should like your consideration of the situation in view of the brief recapitulation of the problem below.

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3. In past IDEALIST operational detachments [] we used a direct-hire contract guard force. This group was comprised of flexible, trainable, young men; and they rendered satisfactory and reliable services at a salary cost to us of approximately [] per annum per man. With the return of Detachments B and C, this force has dwindled. All of the remaining troupes are assigned either to [] or to [].

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4. It would appear that a flexible group such as this could well serve the interest of DPD for the forthcoming fiscal year in both the IDEALIST operational detachments as well as in support of our other air activities. Such a capability is not obtainable from the LAC Guard force; and, of course, the man month cost would be substantially less.

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5. The Pro's and Con's of using LAC Guards as opposed to Contract Guards [] are:

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PRO'S

1. Ready-made cover.
2. Reliable, acceptable service to date.

CON'S

1. Lack of flexibility.
2. Extremely high man month cost.
3. Diminution of control (operational but not administrative).
4. Limited service as Guards (cannot be used in any other way).

6. In all probability there are more Pro's and Con's than I have listed. Further, realistically, we may not be able to make an adjustment for political reasons even if such an adjustment appears in order. In either event, to support the approximately [] expenditure involved by going the LAC route, I should like your comments on the points brought up in this memorandum and your recommendations.

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